GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6022
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SALE OF RIVER TO PRIVATE COMPANY IN CHHATTISGARH
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any river has been sold to a private company in Chhattisgarh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the bore-wells of the farmers on the banks of the said river are taxed;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action taken to protect the interests of the farmers by exempting the bore-wells from tax?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) & (b) No, Sir. However, the Government of Chattisgarhhave intimated that before the division of the State (prior to 1.11.2000), a corporation named Madhya PradeshAudyogik Kendra Vikas Nigam Raipur, a state undertaking of Governmentof Madhya Pradesh, had entered into an agreement on 5.10.1998 with M/s Radius Water Ltd. for water supply project at River Shivnathfor supply of water to industries situated at Industrial Growth Centre BORAI in District Durg. No ownership right has been given tothis company for the river.

(c) & (d) In the vicinity of this project, no taxes have been levied on farmers.

(e) Does not arise.